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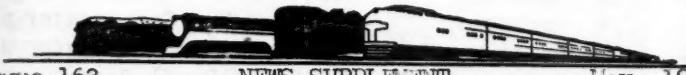

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DIAMOND & CALDOR NARROW GAUGE MAKES LAST RUN

Work of taking up the rails of the DIamond & Caldor Railroad began the week of April 12th and the Caldor Lumber Company which has operated the line for the past 50 years state that the rails and equipment will be sold. The 33 mile narrow gauge line has operated in recent years as a private logging railroad although it was a common carrier for at least a part of its life. -- Vic Leonardi

PORTLAND TRACTION TO BUY SOME PACIFIC ELECTRIC 5050'S

The Portland Traction has announced that it will purchase a number of Pacific Electric 5050 class cars for its Portland-Oregon City service. The reports stated that six wooden cars and two steel cars will be replaced by the PE cars which cost $4000.00 each.
-- Bert Ward

HOWARD TERMINAL GETS DIESEL

The Howard Terminal on the Oakland waterfront has purchased a 4-wheel 45 ton Whitcomb diesel electric from Pacific States Steel and will number it 8 on the HT roster. Engines 5, 0-4-0T and 5, 0-6-0T are slated for scrapping. -- Alan Ramsay

CORRECTION: A serious error was made in the Alameda & San Joaquin article in the main section of this issue. Engines A-1 and A-2 were both ten-wheelers as the photograph plainly shows. We picked up the three pages from an earlier issue and failed to note the error.

VISIT THE NOR CAL MEETING THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 21.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ENGINE SCRAPPINGS

1747	3/19	Bayshore	3752	3/23	Houston
2551	3/9	Sacramento	3754	3/6	Houston
2732	3/24	Bayshore	3755	3/26	Houston
2855	3/31	Bayshore	3762	3/6	Houston
2923	3/10	Bayshore	3763	2/28	Houston
3318	3/17	Los Angeles	3767	3/30	Houston
3708	3/21	Los Angeles	4105	3/9	Sacramento
3719	3/16	Houston	4147	3/9	Sacramento
3720	2/28	Houston	4348	3/9	Sacramento
3722	2/25	Houston	5001	3/9	Sacramento
3724	3/9	Houston	5029	3/26	Sacramento
3732	3/26	Houston	5035	3/10	El Paso
3742	3/12	Houston	5040	3/19	Sacramento
3743	3/19	Houston			

renumberings: T&NO 910 (ex-3738) to 3770; T&NO 701 to 4400, 702 to 4404; 703 to 4406, 705, 706 and 707 returned to their original numbers 4407, 4408 and 4409; 708 (ex-4400) to 4470; 709 (ex-4404) to 4471. T&NO 704 and 710 remain assigned to T&NO.

Coaches: Due to a better turn around of commute cars, 17 of the 60 foot cars have been put in storage. Nine more T&NO 60 foot coaches are being put through Bayshore Shops for general service on the Pacific Lines.

Abandonments: The S.P. has applied to abandon 2.8 mls of trackage on Lincoln Avenue in Alameda and has secured trackage rights on Alameda Belt trackage to end street trackage in Alameda . Saturday service on the Los Gatos branch ended April 25th with train 168 carrying a observation car for railfans.

WESTERN PACIFIC Hyman-Michaels scrapped the following W.P. engines: 27 3/31; 35 4/3; 152 4/16; 323 3/17; 336 3/17; 482 4/21.

YREKA WESTERN Long Bell Lumber #100, 2-8-2, Alco, 1920 has been purchased by Y.W. and delivery was expected May 1st. Y.W. #7, 0-6-0, ex-State Belt #7 is up for sale. - John Heinke

V&T RUNS AGAIN V&T 12 and coach 16 were scheduled to run into Reno May 9th over the W.P. for NMRA convention

EXCURSION NEWS 1953 railfan trips so far have had wonderful success. The Monterey trip had about 350 passengers. The Western Pacific #94 trip had over 500 passengers. The one black spot was Bay Area's Sacramento trip that was cancelled when it developed that the cars would not pass mechanical inspection. Future use of the cars depend on their being in first class shape.

MAY 24 "A DAY IN THE REDWOODS" R&LHS trip via the NWP and Cal-Western to Grove in the Noyo River Redwood forest. Steam on the NWP; flat cars on the Cal Western. Fare: $11.50 at San Rafael. Tickets and schedule from J. E. Turner, 1739 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, California

JUNE 19-20-21 "RAILROAD DAYS IN DUNSMUIR" S.P. special leaves Friday night, arrives Dunsmuir Saturday morning for side trip over McCloud River Railroad to Pondosa, return Saturday evening for "Railroad Days". Overnight in train or Hotel. Leave Sunday afternoon for home. Coach fare $23.50; Pullman $40.50. Jointly sponsored by Cal Nevada and R&LHS. Write J. E. Turner (above) or A. L. Lloyd, Jr., 3533 Pasadena Dr., San Mateo, Cal.

EXCURSION NEWS As of this writing the Northern Cal's McCloud River trip is sold-out. The May 30th Sacramento Northern trip seems to be off the schedule until Bay Area's cars pass inspection. The next big trip is the Annual JOINT RAILFAN'S PICNIC TRAIN to Big Trees on AUGUST 2nd.

"ARGONAUT BAY" CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY After a short delay the campaign for funds for the maritime and railroad museum at San Francisco's Aquatic Park got underway March 31st. Funds will be used to build housing for the R&LHS collection of railroad equipment and to outfit old ships to be tied up along the pier. Send donations to "Argonaut Bay", Aquatic Park, San Francisco, California. The goal is $250,000, but public support seems very good.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Northern California Railroad Club will meeting Thursday evening, May 21 at the Railroadians' Diner spotted just south of the S.P. depot at Third and Townsend, San Francisco at 8:00 pm. All railfans are invited to visit our meetings. A program of motion pictures by Bernice Jackson will be shown.